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In re Application of

BAUMANN et al.

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Examiner: Clardy

For: 3-(HET)ARYLCARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES, THEIR PREPARATION AND INTERMEDIATES FOR THEIR PREPARATION

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 25, 1996, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 2, at the end of the sentence, insert ---.

Page 1, line 4, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

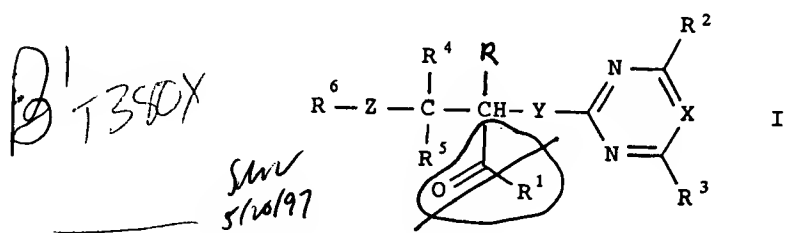
Page 2, line 30, insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 24, line 12, insert: --DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-14 and substitute claims 15-28:

1. A 3-(het)arylcarboxylic acid derivative of the formula I



where R is formyl, CO₂H or a radical hydrolyzable to COOH and

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